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(WASHINGTON, DC) -- Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3) today again voted to override the President's veto of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) legislation. This was a record third attempt to override the President's veto of the popular SCHIP program, this time on the revised and bipartisan H.R. 3963. Unfortunately, the veto override was unsuccessful.

Had the veto override been successful, H.R. 3963 would have provided health care coverage for 10 million children of working families, preserving coverage for all 6.6 million children currently covered by SCHIP and extending coverage to 3.8 million children who are currently uninsured, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

"With a economy in crisis, parents in this country are struggling to provide affordable health insurance for their children," Carnahan said. "It is vital that we act now to provide health care coverage for the millions of children from working families. This should not be about petty partisan politics, and I am disappointed that some of my colleagues have failed to put the health of our children before political games by standing with President Bush to block this successful program. I stand strong with working families and am committed to continue to work with a large, bipartisan coalition in Congress to reauthorize SCHIP, with or without the President's support."